Centennial Initiative

August , 2007 Secretary Kempthorne rolled out an aggressive 10 year plan to make all National Park sites whole by the Centennial celebration of the National Park Service in 2016. Grant-Kohrs Ranch followed suit by developing a park vision statement and a list of potential projects and posted them on the park website. (www.nps.gov/grko) With the passage of legislation FY 2008, the park will gain immediate funds and support for: 1) law enforcement seasonal expertise, 2) correcting fixed costs/core operations deficiencies 3) a number of innovative ideas to exapnd resources preservation in Stewardship, Education and Professional Excellence. This opportunity comes with an unprecedented philanthropic matching program which has inspired the park's partners and friends to create the park's first and only fundraising partner, **the Grant-Kohrs Ranch Foundation.**

Key points to the park's vision and projects are:
- A completely restored historic home ranch of 93 structures with an expansive cultural landscape bustling with use and one, prominent historic barn housing the park's premier Heritage Visitor Center.
- An exemplary, sustainable ranch operation that immerses visitors in real western skill development, and sports an aesthetically pleasing and 'educated herd' to control noxious weeds.

- A Cowboy Leadership Institute based on ranching principles, that serves to cement skills in teambuilding and decision making .
- A visually accurate valley achieved through cooperative efforts with major ranch neighbors like the State Prison and Rock Creek Cattle Inc. to implement landscape wide weed control, grass-banking and water management.
- Value added products-like ranch beef jerky, horse-hair hitched belts and bridles, pieces from the blacksmith forge, and original cowboy poetry and paintings that elevate the GK/NPS brand to a mark of excellence.